

Sir Ken Knight is the Commissioner for the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.

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Sir Ken Knight is London's Fire Commissioner heading the largest Fire and Rescue Service in Europe. With a workforce of over 7,000, including over 5,700 full-time firefighters and with an annual budget of \$688m, London Fire Brigade protects and serves some 12 million people who live, work and visit the Capital.

Sir Ken was born in Surrey, England. Following a short excursion in banking he followed his father into the fire service and commenced his career in Surrey in 1966 and subsequently served in a number of other UK fire brigades. At a principal officer level he has served as Assistant Chief Officer in London, Deputy Chief Officer of Devon and the Chief Fire Officer of Dorset and West Midlands Fire Service prior to taking up his current appointment in July 2003.

During his career he was seconded to the Home Office and attached to the Fire Service Inspectorate. In 1989 he was responsible for coordinating the UK Fire Service response to the safe havens of Northern Iraq following the Gulf War.

He chairs a number of national committees and is currently the Chairman of the European Technical Committee producing technical standards for fire fighting vehicles and equipment. Sir Ken is the principal adviser on fire and rescue service matters to the Local Government Association (LGA) and is also a Board member of the UK Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA).

Sir Ken was awarded the Queens Fire Service Medal in 1991, the Commander of the British Order (CBE) in 2001, the Order of St John in 2005 and was appointed one of Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenants of Greater London in May 2006.

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## London Bombings of July 7, 2005

As the London Fire Commissioner, Sir Ken Knight is head of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority, responsible for the Capital's Fire and Rescue Service, the London Fire Brigade.

Sir Ken Knight will discuss how the threat of terrorism affects the London Fire Brigade and public safety agencies throughout the city of London, incident management principles utilizing a multiagency response and how responders deal with incident stress.

Sir Ken will also brief attendees on the July 7, 2005 London bombings, a series of coordinated bomb blasts that struck London's public transport system during the morning rush hour. At 8:50 a.m., three bombs exploded within 50 seconds of each other on three London Underground trains. A fourth bomb exploded on a bus nearly an hour later at 9:47 a.m. in Tavistock Square. The bombings killed 52 commuters and the four suicide bombers, as well as causing a severe, day-long disruption of the city's transport and mobile telecommunications infrastructure. London fire, emergency medical service, law enforcement and many other agencies responded. The response of the many different agencies and the "lessons learned" will be discussed.

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